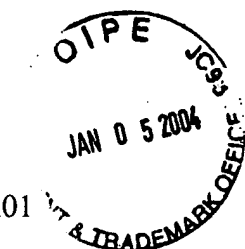


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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents, which were cited in parent Application No. 09/868,633, to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Patent Publication No. 7-81547, published on March 28, 1995, along with an English language abstract thereof;

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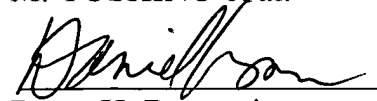
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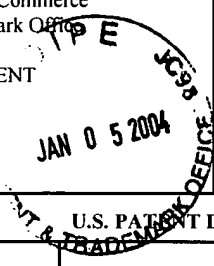
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